

Mr. President, could I ask for a minute recess, or just to hang loose for a minute so we can get this straightened out?

PRESIDENT: We will stand at ease, or hang loose, whichever you prefer, for one minute.

AT EASE

PRESIDENT: Now we will be back in order after hanging loose for one minute. We stood at ease for a minute, then hung loose for a minute. Are you ready, Senator Barnett?

CLERK: Read amendment.

PRESIDENT: You're both agreed that this does not add nine members, it merely allocates the nine original members. Are you ready for the vote? The question is the adoption of Senator Jerry Koch's amendment. Record your vote. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 1 nay on the adoption of the Koch amendment, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: It's adopted. Any further amendments?

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill.

PRESIDENT: You want to move the bill? Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, I move that LB 212 be advanced to E & R initial. Just a very brief comment or two. I think everyone knows what the bill is all about. I would go on to say that it's an outgrowth of legislation passed in 1975 in the form of LB 417. We got to Section 25 of that bill. It created a lot of opposition and concern on the part of the counties and the sheriffs. Proposals for minimum jail standards, set forth by the Department of Correctional Services, were unacceptable. A number of proposals came out of the Department. Each one seemed to be unacceptable at the local level. Then LB 212 would place the responsibility for Nebraska jail standards with the elected officials, namely the county sheriffs and the county boards, made up with the makeup of the committee as we now have it after the bill has been amended. In other words, the entire process will be by elected officials and those appointed by the Governor, such as the one representing the Department of Corrections, as well as a judge at the municipal level and a judge at the higher level. Also would include a member of the Bar, which makes a well-balanced Board that ought to operate with all interests involved. The entire process would be by these then, spelled out by the bill as we now have it amended. Under the present procedure it's under a jail standards administrator. I think we reached a compromise that all have agreed upon. We'll see a turn around that will be good, sensible jail standards adopted by the Board. I think we're ready for the advancement of the bill. I see no reason for delaying it any further. It's been under consideration for two years. I would hope that we'd get enough votes to advance it.

PRESIDENT: That is the question. Record your vote. Have you all voted? Record.